

David Crockett State Park's Fall Happenings:



October 6: Better Bird Watching – 2 PM – 2:30 PM

Join avid birder Joe LeFleur at David Crockett State Park Restaurant. Joe LaFleur holds degrees in wildlife biology and communications and is the author of Better Birdwatching, a series of DVDs about birds of North America. He has been collecting video and sounds of birds for 20 years and lives in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Georgia. This section of the program will be an informational talk and look at the DVD series available.

October 6: Out and About With The Birds – 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Immediately following his presentation Joe invites you to bird with him in the park. The birding walk will consist of approximately 1 mile loop, and take birders through edge, wooded, and pond or lake side habitat. Birders just meeting for the walk will still meet at the Park Restaurant. For this portion of the program please call to make a reservation, (931) 762-9408. Both programs are free of charge.

October 14: 75th Anniversary Monthly Hike - Fallen Leaves Hike - 10 AM

Meet Ranger Rachel at the Restaurant Parking Lot for a hike to the head of Lake Lindsey. Fall colors should be making a debut, as well as beautiful weather. Some of the hike will take us along old road beds that were used for Bell's Route of the Trail of Tears. Hike is moderate and approximately 3 – 4 miles.

October 20:

Fall Colors Traffic Tours – Beginning October 20

Park staff will be routing traffic one way through the back loop of the park. All vehicle traffic will turn right at the Y intersection and proceed east of the park road. All foot and bicycle traffic will proceed west on the park road from the Y intersection. Please remember to be courteous to other drivers and not obstruct traffic by parking in the roadway, and be respectful of the no passing zone.

Opening of Lake Lindsey Falls Trail - 5 PM

Join Park Staff at the Swimming Pool Parking Area to hike the newest trail at David Crockett State Park. The new trail will lead hikers below the levy of Lake Lindsey to the cascading falls from the dam. Hike is approximately ½ mile.

Jack-O-Lantern Contest – 1 PM – 3 PM

Bring your already carved Jack-O-Lantern to the Park Museum/Visitor Center to be entered into the Halloween History Trail's Jack-O-Lantern Contest. Please have the pumpkin ready to light, and come to the History Trail to see your pumpkin light up the night!

Halloween History Trail – 7 PM – 8:30 PM

Come sign up at the Swimming Pool Parking Lot for a hayride and tour on the Halloween History Trail. Tours will leave every 15-20 minutes and are limited due to seats on the hayride and safety. The hayride will take visitors through the park and past several spooky scenes. Riders will depart and travel further on foot through the woods of pumpkin lights. Along the way they will meet spirits from years gone by, who want to speak of their worldly woes to fellow travellers of the night. The Friends of David Crockett State Park will be hosting activities and have refreshments for a donation while you wait for your tour to depart. Family friendly event, free of charge and last tour will depart at approximately 8:30.

For more information, please contact the Park Office at (931) 762-9408 or e-mail Rachel.bridges@tn.gov.